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Friends, and Followers of the Light,

Since we, the peaceable Preservers and Promoters of true Primitive Purity, tho' a scattered Generation, are, by the special Spirit of Providence, gathered together in this Place, from all the Corners of the Earth, that we may yield unto ourselves that mutual Consolation upon this joyful Day, which well and truly becometh one Friend to administer unto another.

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And having been informed in a Dream, that some eminent Friends, now present in this Assembly, have, of late, much erred from the true Light; and that the crafty Operations of the sinful Man have waxed powerful within them, and moved them to speak many bitter Words against an *Upright Teacher*, and a Chosen Vessel; who, tho' he wear-eth a Black Garment, and is a known Follower and Interpreter of the Dead Letter, yet hath he had, of late, the Light within him in great Fulness; insomuch that he hath uttered, according to the Spirit, many true and marvellous Sayings against *False Friends*, to the great Astonishment of all that heard him.

And myself, about the Third Hour of the Fifth Day of the Fourth Month, being warned, in a *Vision*, to follow the same Light, which now dwelleth and remaineth in the *Upright*

right Man, of whom I have heard great Tidings; the Spirit, therefore, moveth me, at this present, to speak unto you some few Things, concerning the Purity and Integrity of that *Holy Man*; who, tho' he beareth a carnal Title, yet is he no Limb of *Antichrist*, no false Babblers; but a sound Member of that divided Body, which destroyeth its own Peace, by vainly following their Fleshly Appetites, and withdrawing their Attention from the Motions of the Spirit.

Therefore, as I have tender Bowels of Compassion for all misguided Friends; who, by turning from the Light, through the Weakness and Infirmities of their own Natures, suffer themselves to be led into the Paths of Darkness and Destruction, where nothing is to be heard, but the spiteful Roarings and Bellowings of vain Babblers; who, in the
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Therefore, I say unto you, beware of the *Beast*, who hath treacherously opened a deadly Pit of Destruction, before the Mouth of which hangeth a painted Curtain, to deceive the Righteous, with REFORMATION written in Golden Letters at every Corner thereof ; but behind the same, sitteth the Crafty Father of all Wickedness, spinning the Flax of Subtilty into the Threads of Abomination, that he may make there.

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powerful a manner, that many went out, much comforted; and the *False Friends*, who were much ashamed at the true Sayings they had heard, and the Evils they had done, departed from the Light, in great Wrath; and calling to Mind the treacherous *Judas*, who betrayed his Lord, were almost ready to hang themselves; for they could not bear the Tidings of the Spirit.

Therefore, the Spirit moveth me to declare unto ye, at this our General Meeting, that whosoever among you despiseth or revileth the *Man in Black*, who, by the Power of the Light, hath given unto the whole Land, such timely Tidings of the dark and secret Workings of the Sons of *Satan*, and delivered many things of great Moment, concerning *False Friends*; that he, I say, who openeth his Mouth against the Holy Man, shall be laughed to Scorn,

Scorn, and for ever be looked upon as a *False Friend*, who turneth from the Light unto the Ways of the Wicked ; and that he is a bitter Enemy to the *New Jerusalem*, and seeketh, by the Arm of Flesh, to establish *Satan's Kingdom*, and utterly to destroy the Holy Land, which is given unto the Saints for their Inheritance.

I, therefore, solemnly affirm, by the Power of the Light which is within me, that all such are *Rotten Members*, and Dangerous to the Body here present ; and that unless they speedily turn again unto the Light, and give ear unto the Tidings delivered to the Land, by the Lord's Messenger, and rince their Mouths with the Tears of Sorrow, from those filthy Dregs of the Old Serpent, *Lying, Slandering, and Evil-Speaking* ; I say, unless ye do these things, the Vials of Wrath shall be

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poured upon ye ; and ye shall be deemed also as Cracked and Musty Vessels, fit only to be delivered unto *Satan*, to be buffeted.

For, the *Man in Black*, of whom the Spirit moveth me to speak these Things, is called of the L....d, as a Chosen Messenger from him unto his People ; that they may take Warning by the Truths he hath delivered to the Holy City, in the Day of Trouble ; and that the Sons and Daughters of *Sion* may, by the powerful Arm and Agitations of the Spirit, bid timely Defiance to the Workings of the *Beast* ; who, at this Time, threateneth the Lord's Dwelling, and the lofty Pinnacle of Earthly Power, with utter Desolation.

Therefore, give ear, I say, unto these things ; lest ye fall into the Pits which the Sons of Perdition have dug for you, and that the Day
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of Tribulation stealeth upon ye, when the Sin of Infidelity hath lulled ye all into a deep Sleep, and the Wicked shall change their Lambs Cloathing into Lions Skins, and pitch their Tents before the Gates of the holy City, that no Man without shall come in to help ye.

If ye be not stedfast in the Light, to prevent these things; the Day will come, when the woful Dark-ness of Sin, Horroure, and Destruction, shall cover the Face of the whole Land; and devouring Brutes, in the Shapes of Men, with Bufflers Hides girt about their Loins, armed with Instruments of Perdition, drawn by the Wicked from the Bowels of the Earth, shall come upon ye, in the Day and in the Dead of Night, and make themselves drunk with the Fruits of your beloved Vines, and, in the Height of their Wickedness, uncover the Nakedness of your

Wives and Daughters, and destroy the good Things that grow within your Fences: Yet in that Day, shall they cry with a loud Voice, *Liberty, Liberty*, until ye are made *Slaves* unto the Wicked; and *Reformation, Reformation*, until the whole Land is become *Satan's Kingdom*; and *Popery, Popery*, until, like a roaring Lion, it cometh in upon ye. Then shall the righteous Lord of the Household mourn; the Wife tremble; the Son grieve; the Daughter weep; and the Servant be amazed; to behold these Miseries bolt in upon them in the Mask of *Religion*, from under the Cloak of *Hypocrisy*. Then will ye cry, when it is too late, in great Sorrow and Lamentation, like the wicked Souls of departed Sinners; *Oh that we had! Oh that we had!* because ye did not listen, in due time, to the Messenger of the Lord, who brought ye early

ly Tidings of these things, that ye might prepare against them, and arm yourselves with the Spirit, that you might manfully resist these approaching Calamities which are flying in, like *Egypt's Lice*, in mighty Swarms, among ye, if not prevented in due Season.

Therefore, *My Friends*, if you have any Regard for the Light within ye, let not Carnal Interest, or the Love of *Mammon*, blind the Eyes of Your Understanding, check the Motions of the Spirit, or stop your Ears against those Truths that are warranted unto ye, with that powerful Word, *Verily, Verily* : But open your Hearts, and receive the same in Fulness ; that ye may see the Tiles and Traps, that *Satan* and his Agents have prepared for you, behind the Curtain of *Reformation*, before ye are tempted to run headlong into those Snares which are verily

rily intended for our utter Destruction.

Be not frightened from the Truth with the Bugbear Revilings of *Bouteseu, Instrument of a Party, or Contemptible Fellow*; for, they are only the Reproaches and Suggestions of the Wicked, which they spew out of their sinful Mouths, upon all good Men; that Counterfeit-Righteousness, and Vain Hypocrisy, may the better flourish; and the Father of Lyes enlarge his Kingdom upon Earth, that the Children of Men may be led Captive into utter Darkness.

But, I say, once more, follow the Light, and meddle not with those that are given to Change; And we shall still be happy under One God, and One Prince; for, where there are many Kings, there will be many *Tyrants*; and they that are forced by them into the Fetters of Obedience,

dience, will, in those Days, cry,
*Cursed be the Beast, that hath bowed
our Necks unto the Yoke of Slavery,
pricked our Sides with the Goads of
Cruelty, and galled our weary Backs
with the Pack-Saddle of Oppression.*

Therefore, Wo be unto ye, if
you turn from the Light, and suffer
your Sins to bring upon ye the Day
of Desolation, when the Wicked
shall say unto the Righteous, in great
Wrath; *Ye are they that refuse to bow
your Knee unto Baal; and, therefore, as
Sheep are driven to the Fold, so shall ye
be driven into the House of Bondage.*

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